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Subject: Montana 2011-2015 STIP
2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), Amendment Five

Dear Ms. Zanto:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has reviewed the subject Amendment Five for the Montana FY 2011-2015 STIP. Amendment Five provides the applicable project numbers along with the phases the Montana Department of Transportation wishes to program. The projects shown will not require a revised air quality conformity finding or transfer of funds between FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration.

For the JCT US 2 – North of Chester project, UPN 6164 this State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) approval is for the Preliminary Engineering and Right of Way phases only. The additional phases can be addressed in a subsequent STIP amendment after Red Book discussions and a very general refinement of when the remaining phases are planned to be programmed. However, we do appreciate your efforts in providing the overall project costs so early in the process.

FHWA approval for this amendment is hereby given.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. McLaury, P.E.
Division Administrator

